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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/45/L.34

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of draft resolution A/45/L.34, the General Assembly would decide to reconvene, in a resumed session for the duration of two weeks in the second half of April 1991, for an in-depth consideration of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields.

2. Based on the assumption that the General Assembly would meet in plenary, holding two meetings a day for 10 days, and that interpretation would be provided in the six official languages of the General Assembly, the related conference-servicing requirements, estimated at $644,900 for the resumed session, are as follows:

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(a)	Pre-session documentation	
	(10 pages, 2 documents: ACEFRS)	11 407
(b)	Meeting servicing	
	(Interpretation, 20 meetings: ACEFRS)	92 175
(c)	In-session documentation	
	(50 pages, 2 documents: ACEFRS)	51 700
(d)	Post-session documentation	
	(24 pages, 1 document: ACEFRS)	25 378
(e)	Provision of verbatim records	
	(20 meetings: ACEFRS)	464 240
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3. The above cost estimates are based on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 29 of the programme budget for the 1990-1991 biennium and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1990-1991. However, as indicated in paragraph 29.5 of the programme budget, 1/ the 1990-1991 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings that had been programmed but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meeetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1990-1991 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in the past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 as a result of the adoption of draft resolution A/45/L.34.

4. In conclusion, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/45/L.34, no additional appropriations would be required.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. II.